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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
SPINAL STABILIZATION**

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Purpose: To provide rigid stabilization of the spinal column in a patient with a suspected potential for spinal cord injury		Indications: Patients with a suspected potential for spinal cord injury	
Advantages: Prevent further injury	Disadvantages: Immobilizes patient supine leaving airway easily compromised if patient vomits Straps may restrict respiratory effort	Complications: Pressure sores due to long transport times	Contraindications: None

